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September 8, 1949

A price support of \$2.11 a bushel for 1949 crop green and yellow soybeans grading U.S. No. 2 and containing not more than 14 percent moisture has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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The 1950-51 outlook for wheat is characterized by a further moderate decline in wheat prices, acreage allotments for the first time since 1943, and relatively favorable export demand, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan says - "Crop insurance is a business proposition. It enables the farmer to add a basic principle of good business to his farming operations."

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Producers who entered into purchase agreements with the Commodity Credit Corporation on corn from their 1948 crop are reminded that they must, during the month of September, notify local County ACA Committees of their intentions for disposal of the corn.

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The weather between mid-July and mid-August was favorable, on the whole, for the grain harvest in Europe, but not in the Soviet Union, according to the monthly report of the European crop outlook by the Department of Agriculture.

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"The primary interest of the Production and Marketing Administration is the welfare of American Agriculture. This involves much more than production. Efficient marketing and distribution services are just as important. Adequate farm income is at the bottom of the whole structure of agricultural welfare..." Ralph S. Trigg, Administrator of PMA and President of Commodity Credit Corporation.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program is available to all farmers to assist in carrying out needed conservation on individual farms.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will continue to support egg prices in the Midwest during October at levels reflecting an average price to producers of 35 cents a dozen for shell eggs.

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Ease with which farmers can obtain storage facilities is indicated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as it points to plentiful supplies of both prefabricated structures and building materials.

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Soil conserving and soil building practices will insure abundant production in future years, the AAA emphasizes.

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The limit on the amount of financial assistance to an individual farmer under the 1950 Agricultural Conservation Program is \$2500, as compared with \$750 in 1949.

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The 1949 cotton crop is now estimated at 14,943,000 bales, 138,000 bales more than the August 1 forecast and 75,000 bales more than last year's production, the AAA reports.

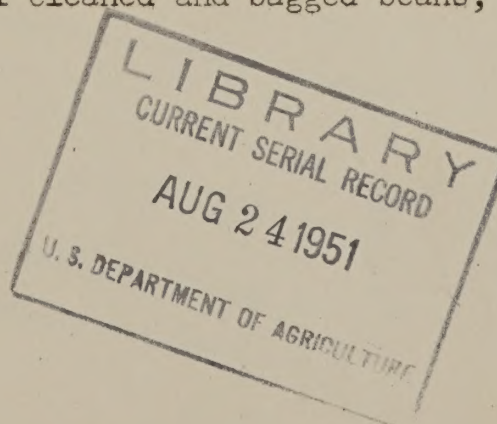
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Farm real estate taxes per acre in 1948 averaged about 8 percent higher than in 1947 according to a Department of Agriculture report.

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Government price supports on the 1949 crop of dry edible beans will range from \$6.40 to \$8.85 per 100 pounds of U. S. No. 1 cleaned and bagged beans, the AAA announces.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has reported that through August 1949 farmers put more than 188,000,000 bushels of 1949 crop wheat, barley, oats, rye and grain sorghums under Commodity Credit Corporation price support.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program means more and better food as well as protecting the future supplies by conserving soil and water.

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Prices of milk and dairy products as a group will increase somewhat further this fall, mainly as a result of seasonally smaller output, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Seed production of brome grass and of crested wheat grass increased this year over last, but is still below average, according to a report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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At the beginning of 1949, farm population made up 19 percent of the civilian population of the United States, the AAA announces.

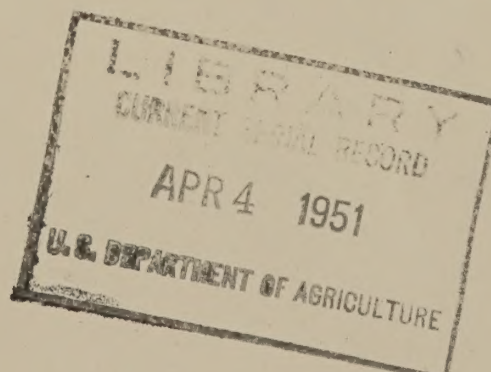
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Farmers of this country used about 2 1/3 tons of fertilizer last year for every ton they used in 1936 when the Agricultural Conservation Program was started.

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For the nation, the per-acre yield of major crops was 51 percent more in 1948 than the average for the 1923-32 period, the AAA reports.

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October 6, 1949

Balancing the number of livestock with the carrying capacity of the range is the key to conservation of rangeland, the AAA emphasizes.

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The September estimate of the 1949 corn crop is 3,526 million bushels, only 125 million bushels, or 3 percent, less than the record production of 1948, the BAE announces.

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Conservation of the soil does help farms prosper, and it equally helps the whole country prosper, the AAA emphasizes.

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Land values declined in most sections of the country during the 4 months ending July 1, 1949, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program has been an effective means of getting farmers to carry out practices developed and recommended by agricultural experiment station scientists.

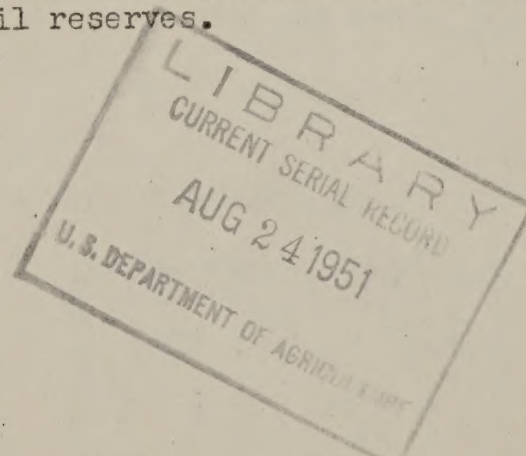
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Good shelterbelts proved to be very valuable for livestock protection during last year's severe winter in mid-western states, the AAA emphasizes.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program for 1950 will emphasize conservation practices which may be used to build up soil reserves.

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Election of community committees of the Production and Marketing Administration will be conducted by mail the week of November 14. Ballots will be mailed to farmers by the county PMA committees.

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Apples are to be purchased in all important commercial producing areas for distribution in the National School Lunch Program. The U. S. Department of Agriculture, which is making the purchases, says the amount bought will be based on the capacity of the schools to use the fruit.

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Sound land use -- using measures which assure abundant production in the years ahead, as well as for current crops -- is the aim of the Agricultural Conservation Program.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will continue to support egg prices in the Midwest during the months of November and December at levels reflecting an average price to producers of 35 cents per dozen for shell eggs in order to carry out the mandatory provisions of the law. This is the same support price that has prevailed throughout the year 1949.

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The Department of Agriculture announced that during the week of September 30 to October 6, the Commodity Credit Corporation confirmed sales of 1,411,756 bushels of wheat under the International Wheat Agreement.

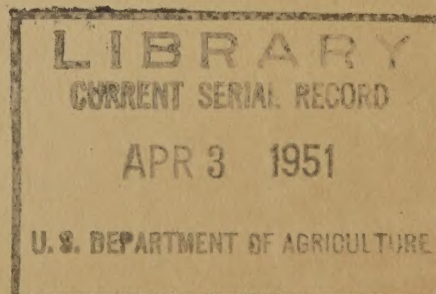
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More than three-fourths of America's farms are now electrified according to a recent survey released by the Department of Agriculture. In North Dakota about 36.4 percent of the farms are electrified.

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A good grass and legume sod helps to put more water in the soil and less soil in the water according to PMA.

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Hog marketing is rapidly moving into a period of great potential difficulties which orderly marketing can help to prevent. With hog prices dropping, particularly on heavier weights, advantage of marketing at the lighter weights--if it is done in such an orderly manner as to prevent market gluts--is pointed out by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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The best time to check soil erosion is before it starts. Measures taken then are more effective and less expensive, says J. E. Kasper, Chairman of the North Dakota PMA Committee.

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A study by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics shows that from every dollar paid by Chicago consumers for Delicious apples in the 1947-1948 season, the apple growers received only 26 cents.

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Farmers should make a real effort to attend the meeting held in their community to nominate candidates for PMA community committees, says J. E. Kasper, Chairman of the North Dakota PMA Committee.

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Alfalfa seed production in 1949 is expected to set a new high record according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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Assurance of dried prunes for school lunch programs and other institutions in the Midwest comes with the announcement of the U. S. Department of Agriculture that it is asking for offers of the prunes. They will be purchased from Oregon and Washington processors and packers. About a thousand tons may be purchased.

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J. E. Kasper, Chairman of the North Dakota PMA Committee, urges farmers who have carried out practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program to report their performance to the county PMA committee at an early date.

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October 27, 1949

The financial assistance received by farmers under the Agricultural Conservation Program is an incentive to encourage farmers to carry out needed conservation practices.

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In spite of population increases, per capita food consumption in 1948 was 12 per-cent greater than in the 1935-39 period, the AAA reports.

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"The job of agricultural education in the difficult world and national situations that confront us is among the most important tasks this Nation has to face...." Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan.

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In 1948 farmers harvested the largest total of all crops ever produced on farms in the United States, the AAA advises.

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The Department of Agriculture reports that the number of sheep and lambs to be fed for the coming winter and spring market is expected to be smaller than last year.

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In the United States farmers reduced the number of man hours needed to produce 100 bushels of wheat from 373 hours in 1800 to only 47 hours in 1940, the AAA reports.

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"I am convinced that one of the important reasons that soil productivity has increased is that the Agricultural Conservation Program generally stimulated better farming methods..." Dr. Charles E. Kellogg, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering, USDA.

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